TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE





HJR 9005

October 28, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Condemns any attempt by the federal government to penalize or tax citizens of Tennessee in an effort to enforce an unconstitutional mandate regarding COVID-19 vaccinations or other COVID-related restrictions and requirements.

Resolves that it is the right of the Tennessee General Assembly to enact such legislation as it deems necessary to nullify actions taken by the federal government regarding COVID-19 when those actions violate the United States Constitution.

Urges the Attorney General and Reporter (AG) to initiate or intervene in one or more civil actions or seek appropriate relief in a federal court of competent jurisdiction regarding COVID-19 mandates issued by the federal government, and any actions taken by the federal government in violation of federal law or as prohibited by the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, or any other statutory or constitutional provisions of the United States or the State of Tennessee, with respect to the implementation or enforcement in this State of any provision of the federal government's mandate that requires citizens of Tennessee to either receive a COVID-19 vaccination or submit to routine testing.

Resolves that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the AG.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The AG will initiate or intervene in one or more civil actions or seek appropriate relief in a federal court, as urged by this resolution, utilizing existing resources without a significant increase in state expenditures
- Any increase in state expenditures to prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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